

"WIDE OPEN."

Why is it that when a few men who enjoy a little game of draw-poker occasionally have to gather together like sneak thieves, going up and down every side street in the city, up and down stairs and then into some dark and dreary hole in the wall to spend a few hours at their game, only to learn after the game is started that they have been watched with an eagle eye, and, if not arrested then and there, their names are reported to the grand jury and they are indicted and brought into court and fined twenty-five or fifty dollars, when we have, right here on Main street, a gaming room in which more money is won and lost in a day than was ever lost over any poker table in the city. Again, when these poker players have a game, it is conducted in a most quiet manner; no one but the players are permitted in the room; no drunken men are there to use profane language, nor little boys present to learn gambling. Is there a boy in this city, is there a man in this city or, in fact, a lady who has not heard, even from the side-walks, men cry out, "nickel-e-do," or "nickel-e-don't?" These bettors are, as a rule, "niggers" and boys who have only small amounts to gamble with, while older ones cry out their willingness to wager anywhere from two to twenty dollars. On Monday, while passing this place, I heard one man cry out, "I'll bet any s— of a b— twenty dollars to fifteen that I can knock a baby." Now, is not that nice language for your mother, sister, wife, daughter or little boy to listen to while walking the along the main thoroughfare of our little city? Boys are attracted to this place by the music and excitement of betting, and, try as hard as he may to keep the little fellows out, the manager finds that they will mix up with the crowd and bet their nickels on the fall of one of the babies.

Personally, we like the manager of this game, and have no desire to do him an injustice, but we believe we are voicing the sentiments of every law-abiding citizen of the city in calling the attention of the city officials to this "open game." It is not a game of science, but one upon which money is won and lost. It is so open that it is bound to

have its bearing upon the young boys of the city. It brings about a gathering of a certain element of white people and "niggers" that guarantees business in our courts sooner or later. We are no friends of gambling when it is conducted by men who even follow it as a business, or for pleasure, and conduct it in a quiet manner, and we do honestly and candidly believe that, if there is to be license issued for the operation of this game, there should be no hesitancy on the part of our city officials in issuing them to the poker player, the operator of the faro game or the operator of the roulette wheel. When those licenses are granted, set a slot machine against each lamp post, and across each road entering the city suspend a large sign to read, "WIDE OPEN."

The trusts are now prepared for a clean sweep. A broom trust has been organized, with a capital stock of \$2,500,000. About all we have left from the trusts is sun, moon and star light. We also have air just at present, but as soon as they can, compressed air will be worth \$9.00 a vial, and it will be a common thing to have a man come up and say to you: Say, old man, let me have a breath out of your bottle; I haven't had a breath for two days; am going to town to-morrow to get some, and when I get my breath I will stop and leave your breath with your wife for you. Oh, it's coming!

Jeffries and the other "pugs" have learned what the Monroe doctrine is as well as Germany.

NOTICE.

I have in my possession many Notes, and on my books many Accounts, that are long past due, and, as these are matters that must be settled at once, I ask you to give them your attention before March 1st.

All such not settled by that date will be turned over to my attorney for collection.

Very Respectfully,

J. P. McWilliams.

The Anderson News came out last Thursday morning all dressed up in the latest style, the size of the News having been changed from a four-page, nine-column, to an eight-page, six-column. While there is but room for ten inches more of local reading matter, the size is much more convenient to be handled by the reader, and as the patent print is placed on the inside of the new style sheet, the paper presents a much better appearance. It is a great improvement over the old style blanket sheet, and Mr. Hawkins is to be congratulated upon the change in its make-up.

A Burgin man was chased for two miles one night last week by a wild beast, which he describes as being as large as a calf, and with eyes of fire, and which ceased the pursuit of the man on horse when frightened off by the brightly lighted city of Burgin. No such fright would have put a stop to the chase near our city, but the rider could have brought the beast on into town and lost him in the darkness.

A full set of Dishes, consisting of 100 pieces, for only \$8.00.

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Now that the Masons have decided to build a home in this city, and also an opera-house that will not only be a credit to our city, but to any city of three times our population, the general opinion is that the Masonic order has a bank account which is unlimited, and all they have to do is to select the plan of the architect, let the contract, and, when the work is completed, give a check for the amount, and charge it up as pin money. Far from this. We are told by some of the leading members of the order that the building is to be erected by popular subscription among their members, and while contribution will not be generally solicited except among their members, such business men and people on the outside as have an interest in the improving of the town, and benefit that all will receive from the erecting of it, are at perfect liberty to make contributions, and such will be greatly appreciated. Would it not be a good idea for some business man or citizen, not a member of the order, to call on the business men and property-owners of the city, and give them an opportunity to assist in, and insure the erecting of the building at an early date? We do not believe that there is anyone of either class who would not feel that it is to his interest to give, and give liberally towards it.

The Louisville Times of Saturday says that "IT" is a bright and newsy paper, and covers Anderson county like a blanket. Right you are, and fast the blanket is daily stretching over the neighboring counties. So original in every respect is "IT" that few there are who, after reading a copy of "IT," will hesitate in subscribing for "IT" at the low price of 50c. a year.

Fifty thousand men employed by the H. C. Frick Coke Co., at Uniontown, Pa., were vaccinated last week. This is a guarantee that there will be no coke strike. Too many "scabs."

A non-breakable Bowl and Pitcher that is made of a composition, resembling the finest of China, at 75c.

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Use Bond's Cream Flour.